

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
HAMEDEH, Ihab, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2408  
Application No.: 10/617,258 :  
Filed: July 11, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 2446  
For: REAL-TIME PACKET TRACEBACK AND ASSOCIATED PACKET MARKING  
STRATEGIES : Examiner: SMARTH, Gerald A.  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 19, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 19, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.